



SOUTHERN BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

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NEWS LETTER

April 2004

Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THE 05.04.04 AT THE Neighbourhood Centre, Mansfield Walk, Beenleigh. (between the round a bout and Crete St.)

The venue can be accessed for off street parking via Kent Street (next to Police station), or via James Street, just up from the Court House. Park in James Street and walk behind the Gold Coast City Council branch office.

NOTE:- We have a Bar

MEMBERSHIP FEES

All membership fees are due Single membership is \$55.00

Family Membership is \$75.00

We apologise for the increase in fees this is due to the increase in the Public Liability Insurance.

NEXT TRIP

APRIL FRIDAY 9th

BRISBANE RIVER DAY TRIP

Snapper/Bream

Leave from Fisherman Island boat ramp

Contact: Chris Eldred ph: 3344 2605

FISH OF THE MONTH

SNAPPER

The fish of the month is the longest of the particular species length over all. (not the fork).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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TRIPS:

Up and coming trips will be:

APRIL FRIDAY 9th BRISBANE RIVER DAY TRIP
Snapper/Bream Leave from Fisherman Island boat ramp
Contact: Chris Eldred ph: 3344 2605

MAY 23rd
Day Trip to the Pin
Bream
Contact: John Cumberland
Ph 3801 1110

JUNE SUNDAY 27th PEEL ISLAND DAY TRIP
Snapper/Bream
Leave Cleveland boat ramp at dawn
Contact: John Eldred Ph:3344 2605

JULY SUNDAY 25th
SHORT ISLAND DAY TRIP
Luderick - Leave from Cabbage Tree Point boat ramp
Contact: John Cumberland Ph: 3801 1110

SPECIAL TRIP

AUGUST 7th - 13
FRASER ISLAND
Contact: Brad Baldwin Ph: 3290 2887

SPECIAL TRIP SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST
MORETON BAY SCHOOL MACKEREL
Leave Cleveland boat ramp at dawn
Contact: John Cumberland 3801 1110

If unable to attend any of the meetings and would like to pay membership you can sent a cheque or money order to the address on the front of the newsletter.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR NEXT MONTH:

February – SOME OF THE MEMBER

Topic:- FLY FISHING

SOUTHERN BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

First Name _____ Surname _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone Number – Home _____ Business _____ Mobile _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Type of Boat _____

Preferred type of fishing _____

THE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT Lloyd Willmann's, PLEACE AT 21 Finch St EAGLEBY ON THE 12.04.04
At 7.30pm.





NOTIFICATION OF CAPTURE

ANGLER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Date	Species	Scientific Names	Location	Div	Class	Mass	Point

ANGLER DECLARTAIION: I certify that the above fish were captured by me in accordance with ANSA angling rules.

SIGNATURE: _____

ANGLER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Fishers claim win in reef research

Queensland fishermen say they are vindicated by the release of new research that conclusively links outbreaks of the crown of thorns starfish with nutrient run-off from the land.

The president of the Queensland Seafood Industry Association, John Olsen, says the research, conducted by the Australia Institute of Marine Science and James Cook University, has put an end to speculation that over-fishing was triggering the outbreaks.

"It basically confirms what our industry has been saying for a very long time - and that is that there's been an unfair emphasis placed on over-fishing of the reef for many of these things," he said.

"This very clearly demonstrates that the industry was right. What it means is that we can move into a serious program to address the impact of nutrient run-off."

Last Update: Tuesday, March 23, 2004. 9:45am (AEDT)

Climate change greater threat than terrorism: academic

A select group of Australians has warned that climate change is a greater threat to the world than terrorism.

Professor Tony McMichael, from the Australian National University's Centre for Epidemiology, is a member of the group in Britain for the launch of a new international task force to tackle climate change.

He says world weather patterns are becoming more unstable and will get worse.

Another task force member, the New South Wales Premier, Bob Carr, is calling for all countries to embrace the spirit of the protocol, if not the letter of the agreement and start capping and trading in carbon dioxide emissions.

"We've got to recognise there's an international stand-off when it comes to signing Kyoto, Australia's not signing Kyoto, that's a disgraceful decision by Canberra," he said.

"We've got to seek to build on Kyoto and perhaps tackle the task in manageable bite size chunks."

The task force will make its recommendations early next year.

Smart State smart fishing

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**Welcome to Fish Flash, news and information from
the Queensland Fisheries Service.**

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Recreational fishing Kids' fishing clinics snapped up

The popularity of [kids fishing clinics](#) continues with [Easter clinics](#) fully booked. They will be held at Innisfail, the Darling Downs and the Capricorn Coast on Friday 16 April.

For more information email claire.andersen@dpi.qld.gov.au

Anglers must remove pectoral fin from coral reef fish catches

Anglers who land a coral reef fish have been reminded that it's now the law to cut off the pectoral fin before icing down or freezing.

Visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au/news/NewsReleases/14604.html

Crabbers reminded of new gauges

Crabs are on the move now that wet weather has "flushed out" rivers and creeks in North Queensland - and fishers are reminded not to take undersize and female blue swimmer and mud crabs.

Visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au/news/NewsReleases/14707.html

Strand fishing proves costly for Townsville man

A fishing afternoon at the Strand has proven to be a costly day out for a Townsville man.

Visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au/news/NewsReleases/14724.html

Fish net and swimming a dangerous mix

Responding to a Fishwatch Complaints Hotline call earlier this week, QFBP officers found two young women swimming in Frogmore Lagoon.

Visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au/news/NewsReleases/14807.html

Commercial fishing

Turtle excluder device (TED) workshops to be held in April/May

The Queensland Fisheries Service will be running workshops at coastal centres during April and May, addressing issues associated with TEDs in the East Coast Trawl Fishery.

Visit <http://statements.cabinet.qld.gov.au/cgi-bin/display-statement.pl?id=354&db=media> and www.dpi.qld.gov.au/news/NewsReleases/14809.html

Clarence prawn fishers trial enviro-friendly fishing gear

New South Wales north coast commercial prawn fishers today began a wide-scale trial to help make fishing gear more environmentally-friendly.

Visit www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/gen/news/fb_04mar22_clarence.htm

Habitat

Asian green mussel found in Trinity Inlet

On Tuesday 23 March 2004, a single [Asian green mussel](#) was found in Trinity Inlet, Cairns. The total count in Queensland is now 44, including the current find.

Aquaculture

Genetic improvement of redclaw

Selective breeding of the Walkamin strain of redclaw has realised an increase in growth rate which adds 37% to the value of the crayfish harvest.

Visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au/far/9223.html

Environment

Keep the sea plastic free

The Natural Heritage Trust-funded *Keep the Sea Plastic Free* campaign is urging Australians to reduce the devastating impact of plastic rubbish on marine wildlife.

Visit www.deh.gov.au/minister/env/2004/mr10mar04.html

Historic protection for the Great Barrier Reef

New legislation for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park will come into force on July 1.

Visit www.deh.gov.au/minister/env/2004/mr25mar04.html

Fisheries management

Australia moves to protect the Great White Shark

The Australian Government is championing the cause of the trade in Great White Shark products.

Visit www.deh.gov.au/minister/env/2004/mr13feb04.html

Natural born killer enlisted in noxious fish battle

An offensive campaign has been mounted against the noxious fish tilapia, attempting to eradicate it from Herberton's water supply.

Visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au/news/NewsReleases/14750.html

Shine appointed chair of fishing council

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine has been appointed chair of the Beattie Government's Fishing Industry Development Council.

Visit <http://statements.cabinet.qld.gov.au/cgi-bin/display-statement.pl?id=491&db=media>

Research and development

The secret lives of sharks revealed

The NSW Government has revealed high-tech electronic tags are being used for the first time in the State to help protect the endangered grey nurse shark.

Visit www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/gen/news/fb_04mar04_secret.htm

Fishing plan to get seabirds off the hook

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority has launched the Bycatch Action Plan, which aims to protect Antarctic marine mammals and seabirds .

Visit www.abc.net.au/science/news/tech/InnovationRepublish_1066355.htm

Something fishy: how long does your catch live off the hook?

NSW Fisheries has released preliminary results from a Sydney-based fishing research project.

Visit www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/gen/news/fb_04mar13_something.htm

Events

Hobart: Coast to Coast 2004 - National coastal conference, 19-23 April

The Coast to Coast conference will look at coastal and marine management.

Visit www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/JPHS-5U2645?open

Cairns: UN Environment Programme - Global H2O partnership conference and trade fair, 10-14 May

The conference and trade fair will focus on solutions to marine pollution.

Visit www.hilltops2oceans.org/

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Fishing relief for Barrier Reef

Australia's parliament has passed a law, to come into force in July, which will make the Great Barrier Reef the world's largest protected reef system.

The law will ban fishing in one third of the World Heritage Site's 345,000 sq km area, and leave tourism as the only permitted industry.

The ban comes in response to concerns that overfishing is depleting the reef's rich marine life.

The reef is home to sharks, turtles and numerous brightly coloured fish.

Federal environment minister David Kemp said ending overfishing would make the coral reef more able to withstand other damaging influences, such as global warming and soil swept down rivers after heavy rain.

"It is a quite remarkable advance in protecting the reef against all the pressures to which it's subject," he said.

"This is going to mean more fish on the Barrier Reef, healthier corals - it's going to mean bigger fish for tourists to come and see."

There will also be tougher limits on the movement of shipping in the area off Australia's north-east coast.

Mr Kemp said anyone caught breaching the regulations would face heavy penalties.

Compensation

WWF Australia has hailed the plan, which was submitted to parliament last December, as a "dramatic improvement".

But environmental groups urged the government to police the new zones properly to ensure fishing vessels do not encroach into protected areas.

The commercial fishing industry has warned that the plan - which it has been fighting for the past four years - could devastate some operators and the small communities that rely on them.

The government has said assistance will be given to fishermen, including the buying-out of licences and redirecting them into other careers.

"We haven't specified any particular sum of money, but we intend that this shall be dealt with in a very fair way," he said.

There are other factors that damage the reef - chemical run-offs from cattle grazing, sugarcane growing and urban development.

The Great Barrier Reef, situated off Queensland state in north-east Australia, injects an estimated A\$1.5bn (\$975m) into the economy each year through tourism and fishing.

It is Australia's number one tourist destination, attracting a million visitors a year.

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